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\$20,000,000

Vacuum Oil Company

Fifteen-Year 7% Gold Bonds

To be dated April 1, 1921.

Interest payable April 1 and October 1. Principal and interest payable at The Equitable Trust Company of New York, Trustee. Coupon Bonds in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500. Registerable as to principal only.

Redeemable on and after April 1, 1926, as a whole or in lots of not less than \$5,000,000 on any interest date on thirty days' notice at 104 and interest during 1926, 103 1/2, and interest during 1927, 103, and interest during 1928, 102 1/2, and interest during 1929, 102, and interest during 1930, 101 1/2, and interest during 1931, 101 and interest thereafter.

The Company will set aside annually the sum of \$500,000 in quarterly installments of \$125,000 each to be used to purchase Bonds if obtainable at not over par and accrued interest. The unexpended balance, if any, of any quarterly installment will be credited to the Company toward the next quarterly payment.

A letter from the President of the Vacuum Oil Company is summarized as follows:

Business: The Vacuum Oil Company, incorporated in 1866, is one of the oldest and most firmly established oil companies in the world. At the time of the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in 1911 all of the Company's Capital Stock had been acquired by the Standard Oil Company. The Company is engaged in the refining of petroleum and the marketing of its products both in the United States and in foreign countries. The Company specializes in the manufacture of high-grade lubricants for every class of machinery. Its products are obtainable throughout the world and its "Gargoyle" trade-mark is universally known to users of lubricating oils.

Security: These Bonds will be the direct credit obligations of the Vacuum Oil Company and will constitute its sole funded debt presently outstanding in the hands of the public.

The Indenture under which these Bonds will be issued will provide, among other things, that:

No subsequent funded obligations can be issued which will have priority as to present assets over these Bonds, nor can the total funded debt exceed 50% of the Company's Net Assets.

Net Current Assets, as defined in the Indenture, will at all times be maintained at an amount at least equal to 150% of the aggregate principal amount of all funded debt outstanding.

Earnings: The net income for 1920 of the Vacuum Oil Company, after all charges, except Federal taxes, amounted to \$8,250,000, and for the five years ended December 31, 1920, averaged \$8,693,881, equivalent to 6.2 times the maximum annual interest requirements on these Bonds.

Assets: Net tangible assets of the Vacuum Oil Company at December 31, 1920, amounted to over \$74,000,000, of which over \$36,000,000 consisted of net current assets.

Offered it, as and when issued and received by us and subject to the approval of counsel, at 100 and interest, to yield 7%
Delivery in temporary form is expected on or about April 15, 1921.

The National City Company

The Equitable Trust Company of New York
Blair & Co., Inc.
Dillon, Read & Co.

The above information is based upon official statements and statistics on which we have relied in the purchase of these Bonds. We do not guarantee, but believe it to be correct.

New Issue

\$500,000

PORTO RICO

Insular Possession of the United States

4½% Gold Bonds

Dated January 1, 1920

Redeemable on or after January 1, 1940. Principal and interest payable in gold at the Treasury of the United States, Washington, D. C., or at the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. Interest payable January 1 and July 1. Coupon Bonds in denominations of \$1,000, exchangeable for fully registered Bonds in denominations of \$5,000 and \$1,000.

By Act of Congress of the United States these Bonds are as completely exempt from taxation—Federal, State and local—as the Liberty 3½% and 3¾% Bonds

These Bonds are authorized, and taxes levied for payment of their principal and interest, under authority of an Act of Congress of the United States and of the Legislature of Porto Rico.

Acceptable by the United States Treasury Department as Security for Public Deposits and Eligible to Secure Postal Savings Funds on a 100% basis.

MATURITIES
\$250,000 Series A, due January 1, 1941
250,000 Series B, due January 1, 1942

Price to Yield 5 1/8%

The Attorney General of the United States has approved the legality of this issue.

Guaranty Company Hannahs, Ballin & Lee of New York
115 Broadway

We do not guarantee the statements and figures contained herein, but they are taken from sources which we believe to be reliable.

Tide Water Oil Earnings \$22.91 Share in 1920

Net income of the Tide Water Oil Company for the year ended December 31, after depletion, depreciation and Federal taxes, was \$143,000,000 to \$164,450,000, or 15 per cent, at the annual meeting of the company to-day. Present directors were reelected and Frank D. Stout, of Chicago, was added.

Frank D. Stout, of Chicago, and all officers, including E. C. Lufkin, New York, chairman of the board; Ames L. Beatty, New York, president, and T. J. Donoghue, of Houston, first vice-president.

Lawyer Says Cuban Sugar Commission Is Illegal

The Cuban Sugar Finance Commission, appointed by President Menocal of Cuba, represents an illegal combination in restraint of trade to raise the price of sugar, and participation in it by Americans renders them liable to the penalties of the Federal anti-trust laws, according to an opinion made publicly yesterday by William D. Guthrie, attorney, who has been retained by the Federal Sugar Refining Company.

Mr. Guthrie questions the legality of the operations of the New York sub-

Texas Co. Capital Increase

Houston, Tex., March 31. The capital stock of the Texas Company was increased from \$143,000,000 to \$164,450,000, or 15 per cent, at the annual meeting of the company to-day. Present directors were reelected and Frank D. Stout, of Chicago, was added.

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Cotton Is Quiet On Foreign Tone; Trend Is Lower

British Coal Strike Situation a Restrictive Influence; Scattered Buying on Reduction of Acreage

The cotton market was quiet yesterday. The uncertainties of the British labor situation evidently had a restricting effect on business, but after an opening decline prices held generally steady. May contracts, after selling at 121.13, early rallied to 122.7 and closed at 122.5, compared with 122.4 on Wednesday, while the general market closed steady at a net decline of 5 to 10 points.

The early decline here was due to lower Liverpool cables and scattered Southern breakers. In the English market there was due to the threatened coal strike, but some of the trade cables were optimistic in tone and showed a sharp rally in Liverpool at the close. The impression here was that this may have reflected the feeling that the strike would be short, and that Lancashire mills had sufficient stocks on hand to last until work was resumed.

There was apprehension, however, that if the strike became general, there would be sympathetic strikes in other industries, and the better closing cables of the day were more general. There may have been some scattered buying during the afternoon on reports that miners at Anthracite estimated the acreage to be 500,000, up 20,000 acres less than last year and placed the reduction in the use of fertilizer at 70 per cent.

Southern spot markets as officially reported were 5 points lower to 15 points higher, with middling quotations ranging from 10 to 11½ in the more active markets.

The longer contracts for spot cotton was quiet, unchanged at 122.50 for middling; no sales were reported.

The range of prices: Wednesday's Open, High, Low, Close, Last April 12, 122.50 123.12 121.13 122.50 121.13 May 12, 122.50 123.12 122.50 123.12 122.50 June 12, 122.50 123.12 122.50 123.12 122.50 July 12, 122.50 123.12 122.50 123.12 122.50 Aug. 12, 122.50 123.12 122.50 123.12 122.50 Sept. 12, 122.50 123.12 122.50 123.12 122.50 Oct. 12, 122.50 123.12 122.50 123.12 122.50 Nov. 12, 122.50 123.12 122.50 123.12 122.50 Dec. 12, 122.50 123.12 122.50 123.12 122.50 Feb. 12, 122.50 123.12 122.50 123.12 122.50

Rubber and Hides

Rubber (ribbed-smoked sheets) lb. 17½-17½-17

Hides (calfskins, city) 8 to 12 lbs. 2.00-2.05 2.00-2.05 2.05 2.05 2.05

What Things Cost

Quotations are cash prices in primary markets.

Commodity and unit.	Yester.	Prev.	1920 range.
	day	High	Low
FOODS—			
Wheat (No. 2 hard) bu.....	\$1.68½	\$1.70	\$2.50
Corn (No. 2 yellow) bu.....	.78½	.79	2.31½
Flour (Minn. pat.) bu.....	.52	.52	1.50
Bird (family) 100 lbs.	\$1.15½	\$1.15	16.25
Pork (mess) 100 lbs.	23.00	22.00	23.00
Sugar (granulated) lb. ....	.08	.08½	.23
Coffee (No. 7 Rio) lb. ....	.06½	.06½	.163½
Butter (creamery, first) lb. ....	.44-47	.45-46½	.77
Eggs (fresh 1st) doz. ....	.29-3.0	.29-3.0	.85
TEXTILES—			
Printed (middleweight) lb.	1225	1225	433½
Print (medium) 38½-41½ doz. ....	.06½	.06½	.28
Silk, raw (No. 1 Sim.) lb.	5.80	5.80	17.48
Wool (fine, Montana scoured) lb. ....	.90	.90	2.00
METALS—			
Iron (2x) (Philadelphia) ton.	29.00	29.00	53.51
Steel billets (Pittsburgh) ton.	42.00	42.00	65.00
Lead (pig) lb. ....	.0435	.044	.09½
Copper, lb. ....	.13	.13	.19½
Tin (Class A) lb. ....	.29½	.30	.65½
RUBBER AND HIDES—			
Rubber (ribbed-smoked sheets) lb.	17½-17½-17	17	.54½
Hides (calfskins, city) 8 to 12 lbs.	2.00-2.05	2.00-2.05	2.10

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Yester. Previous 1920 range.

Food Commodity and unit. Yesterday Previous 1920 range.